REMARKS

The Office action dated April 5, 2006, has been carefully reviewed and the foregoing amendment has been made in response thereto.

Claims 1, 2, and 4-10 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as unpatentable over Fujimura et al. (U.S. 5,860,797) in view of Yokota et al. (U.S. 6,041,883). Claim 1 has been canceled and replaced by new Claim 11; Claim 6 has been canceled and replaced by new Claim 12; Claim 9 has been canceled and replaced by new Claim 13.

Claims 11, 12, and 13 define the invention more particularly and emphasize distinctions between the combination that would result by combining the teachings and suggestions of the '797 and '883 patent references cited from the prior art.

In view of the foregoing amendment and remarks, the claims remaining in this application appear now in condition for allowance. Favorable action is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted.

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